



Virg Bernero, Mayor

The source for recycling,
composting, refuse, and
bulk item collection information
and waste reduction education
for Lansing residents

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City of Lansing Waste Reduction Services Newsletter

Single Stream Recycling Coming Soon! Changes = increased recycling, more efficient program



Lansing residents will soon be able to recycle additional materials - and changes to the collection system will allow those items to be mixed in their recycling bins, so no sorting of paper, plastic and other materials will be necessary. "Single stream" recycling will likely be in place by mid year. Paper, cans, bottles and other containers can be mixed together in the recycling bin, and new materials will be added to the list of acceptable items. Trucks will pick up the mixed materials and they will be shipped to a material recovery facility where they will be sorted into separate streams of materials.

Not only will this make it easier for residents, it is expected that the amount of material will increase significantly and the collection operation will become more efficient. More information will be provided as soon as details become available.

Seasonal Yard Waste Collection Begins Soon

The seasonal collection of leaves, grass clippings, garden wastes and other organic yard materials begins the week of April 5, 2010. Please place yard waste in paper bags on the curbside on your normal collection day. Branches, limbs and brush can be bundled with string or twine. Branches must be less than 4 feet in length and 2 inches in diameter and bundles must weigh 30 pounds or less. Place as many bags and/or bundles at the curb as needed.

***Look inside for ways to easily manage leaves, grass clippings
and other yard waste materials in your own backyard***



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E-mail: recycle@lansingmi.gov
Web site: www.lansingrecycles.com





Backyard Composting - An Easy Way to Manage Yard Waste

Managing your own leaves, grass clippings and other plant material provides several important benefits. Composting in the backyard allows you to produce rich humus. Using this material improves soil health and promotes better plant growth. Gardeners have been managing yard waste materials this way for years. They know that compost improves soil structure, tilth and aeration. It improves the soils ability to hold moisture and promotes improved nutrient transfer to roots. Plants grow better and produce more vegetables or flowers.

Backyard composting is easy. Just mix some leaves and grass clippings into a bin and wet them down with plenty of water. The bacteria, fungus and mold on each leaf and blade of grass will multiply in the bin and break down the plant material into rich, organic matter which can be added back to the soil. Turning the pile a few times each summer will speed up the process by adding oxygen which also reduces the possibility of odors. It's important to add water to the pile several times to keep the composting process active.

Using a compost bin provides structure and contains the material. This speeds up the composting process and also provides a tidier appearance. **A compost bin sale will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the parking lot of Dunham's Sporting Goods in Lansing. Rain barrels will also be available. See page 6 for details.**



Leaving grass clippings on the ground is another easy way to improve the quality of your lawn. This method of handling clippings is often referred to as "grasscycling" and simply means to leave clippings on the lawn to decompose naturally. It works best if you set your mower blade high enough to leave a three inch cut. The clippings will fall between the blades of grass and break down. The grass plants will grow into a more dense and beautiful soft surface to play and walk on. It won't create thatch as once thought.

Your lawn will be better able to withstand disease and drought. You will use about one-third less fertilizer and reduce the need for pesticides, all while saving time. Bagging grass and hauling it to the curb is no fun and a waste of time and effort.

Composting and grasscycling are activities that benefit the earth. They both return natural nutrients back into your lawn, just as nature intended. Leaves and grass are meant to be returned to the soil from which they came.

WRS staff are available to provide assistance in setting up or maintaining a backyard compost pile. We strongly urge Lansing residents to give it a try. To make it as easy as possible, please call 483-4400 or email recycle@lansingmi.gov for assistance. Visit our website at www.lansingrecycles for more information.

If you want to strive for a higher level of understanding of the process of composting – become a Master Composter by taking a five week class offered at Fenner Nature Center starting on April 27th. More information is on page 6.

Mayor Bernero Pushes Clean Energy, Sustainability in State of the City

In his State of the City Address on January 25, Mayor Virg Bernero discussed investing in clean energy and sustainable business practices as top priorities for the future of Lansing.

The mayor addressed several eco-oriented projects that are already in the works or on track to be launched in the near future.

"Our efforts to become the cleanest, greenest city in Michigan will ramp up in other ways this year," Bernero said to the crowd in Lansing's Southside Community Center. "We will make city buildings more energy efficient and install rooftop solar panels that generate clean energy."

The mayor also mentioned investment in recharging stations for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and new business opportunities in the new green economy of Michigan.



Holidays & Important Dates to Remember

Collection for city observed holidays and the rest of the week following the holidays will be delayed by one day. Friday collections will take place on Saturday.

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MARCH

- 18-21** Home & Garden Show at the MSU Pavilion. Bring in old books, athletic shoes, phone books and cell phones for recycling. Visit our booth for recycling and composting information.

APRIL

- 2** Good Friday. Office closed. Curbside collection will remain on normal schedule.
- 5** Seasonal yard waste collection begins.
- 10** Compost bin/rain barrel sale. See details on page 6.
- 17** Free Document Shredding Event. See details on page 7.
- 22** Earth Day Event at City Hall. See details on page 6.
- 27** Master Composter Class begins. (course = 5 weekly classes) See details on page 6.

MAY

- 1** Computer & Electronics Recycling event. See details on page 7.
- 31** Memorial Day. Office closed. Collections the week of the 31st will be delayed by one day.

JUNE

Normal Service Schedule.

JULY

- 5** Independence Day Observed. Office closed. Curbside collections will remain on normal schedule.

AUGUST

Normal Service Schedule.

SEPTEMBER

- 6** Labor Day. Office closed. Collections the week of the 6th will be delayed by one day.

Yard waste season begins the week of April 5, 2010. Materials should be placed on the curbside on the normal collection day.

Convenient Email Updates Provide Valuable Information

Sign up for the recycling email list and receive updates about holiday delays, special recycling events and more. Go to: <http://lists.cityoflansingmi.com/index.jsp> and register today.



What, When, Why and How

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Recyclables: Curbside & Drop-Off

Place all items at the curb
Containers must be
Bags, bins, or bundles
must be visible

Separate recyclable materials
Recyclables must be set out
Place bin to the left of any

YARD WASTE



Yard Clippings (Seasonal Collection)

Place leaves, grass clippings, or garden wastes in paper bags. Do not use City of Lansing trash bags, blue carts or private waste hauler carts for yard clippings. Brush and tree trimmings must be less than 4 feet in length and less than 2 inches in diameter. Bundle securely with string or twine, or place in paper bags. NO wire. Paper lawn care bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores.

CURBSIDE

Glass

Clear and brown food jars and beverage bottles.

Rinse clean and remove lids. (Put lids with cans). No drinking glasses, Pyrex, window panes, dishes, or light bulbs.



Metal

Steel (tin) cans and aluminum cans,

trays, and clean foil. Rinse clean. Remove top and bottom if possible. PLEASE FLATTEN. No Gasoline, aerosol or paint cans, wire, or scrap metal.



Plastic Bottles and Jugs

HDPE #2 or PET #1 stamped on bottom. Only bottles or jugs with threaded neck. HDPE #2 must have a seam on the bottom and sides. Clear and green PET #1 containers only. Rinse clean, remove and discard cap. Please flatten.

No used motor oil jugs, wide mouth containers, food tubs (butter, sour cream, cottage



cheese, etc.), plastic bags or #7/compatible with #2.

Newspaper (Including Inserts)



Place in brown paper grocery bag or stack and bundle with string or twine. Place newspapers beside or inside green bins. **Please place mixed papers and junk mail in separate paper bag.**

Magazines, Catalogs, Mixed Paper, and Junk Mail

Includes almost anything that comes inside a mailbox, such as junk mail, flyers, plain or windowed envelopes, office paper, letterhead, magazines, catalogs, colored paper, stationery and shredded paper. Must be in brown paper grocery bag or bundled with string or twine. No cardboard, boxboard, telephone books or plastic of any kind. **Please place newspapers in separate paper bag.**



DROP-OFF

Location: 530 E. South Street at the corner of South and Beech Streets. Follow S. Washington Ave. to South St., which is located just north of the railroad tracks. (South St. runs UNDER the Cedar St. viaduct.) Hours: 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



Corrugated Cardboard

Corrugated cardboard is a two-layer cardboard with a wavy middle layer. Please flatten all boxes before placing in the cardboard collection bin. Drop-off only! Cardboard will not be recycled if placed curbside. Do not place in green recycling bins.

Telephone Books

Any type of old phone book accepted. No plastic, catalogs or other books. Not recycled curbside, Drop-off only!



Rechargeable batteries

Accepted in WRS office, 601 E. South St., 2nd floor, M-F, 8am-4pm



Cell phones

Recycled in WRS Office, 601 E. South St., 2nd Floor. M-F, 8-4



Magazines, Catalogs, Mixed Paper and Junk Mail

Includes almost anything that comes inside a mail-box, such as: junk mail, flyers, envelopes (windows okay), office paper, letterhead, magazines, catalogs, colored paper, stationery and shredded paper.



Athletic Shoes

Athletic shoes only (all brands accepted). No metal, cleats or spikes. No dress shoes, sandals, boots or other types of shoes will be accepted. As part of Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program, this is an on-going collection with many drop-off locations throughout the tri-county area. Call 483-4400 or visit www.lansingrecycles.com to find other sites near you.



Boxboard

Includes thin, lightweight containers used to package various items including cereal, cookie and crackers, shoes and many other products. No boxes that were stored in refrigerator or freezer. Remove any plastic liners. Combine boxboard with corrugated cardboard.



What, When, Why and How

by 7 a.m. on collection day.
off the curb by 7 p.m.
must not exceed 30 lbs. and
from the street.
and yard waste from trash.
with green recycling bin.
obstruction (trees, carts, etc.)

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Call 483-4400 to get signed up today! The City of Lansing has provided trash collection services for over 90 years, making us the leader in convenient curbside pickup. You can count on our affordable weekly collections. Our range of services and multiple cart sizes are sure to meet the needs of any size household.

NO Hazardous waste, gasoline, or other explosive materials, and no wet paint, herbicides, pesticides, hot ash or coals. Cardboard can be picked up with trash if flattened and bundled, then placed next to city trash carts or bags.
Please double bag animal waste and diapers.

Trash Disposal

Blue Billy Trash Carts

These convenient and strong roll-out carts are for trash only. All trash in the carts must be bagged. Bagging trash will help keep carts clean and minimize odors. Select the size of Blue Billy cart which suits your needs:

Billed quarterly, pre-paid service

32-gal. cart= \$38.00 for 3 months

65-gal. cart= \$43.00 for 3 months

95-gal. cart= \$49.00 for 3 months

(allowed up to 3 extra 30 gal bags on side of 95 gallon cart)

Prices are subject to change.
Front door pickup is available.
Please call 483-4400 for details.

Payment options:

Pay with Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover by calling 483-4400.

Send checks or money orders to:

City of Lansing, WRS

601 E. South Street, Lansing, MI 48910

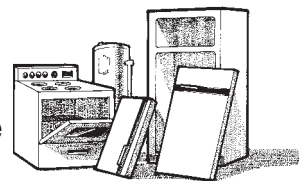
Pay in person at: 601 E. South Street (NO cash accepted) A drop box is available for after hours payments.

(see map on back page for directions)



Bulk Trash Items

Large items over 30 lbs. and longer than 4 feet, such as appliances or furniture, require a bulk collection sticker. Stickers are available at courtesy desks of many local grocery stores for \$33.00 per sticker (prices subject to change). Call the WRS Hotline at 483-4400 for a list of stores selling bulk-item stickers. Each individual item must be tagged. NOTE: Refrigerator and freezer doors MUST be removed. Free bulk stickers are available to low income residents. Call 483-4400 for details.



Hazardous Waste

The Ingham County Health Department collects household hazardous waste, such as pesticides, chemicals and oil-based paints each Thursday, from 2-6pm, from May – September. Contact 887-4521 for more information.



Unwanted medicines, including prescription or over the counter, are also accepted at this site. Controlled substances and vitamins/minerals are not accepted. Pills or capsules must be taken out of bottles or blister packs and placed in ziplock bag. Individual prescriptions do not need to be kept separate; they can all be mixed together in one bag. Liquids can be left in the original container, but all personal information must be blacked out.

Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFL's)



Can be dropped off at the BWL customer service center 1232 Haco Drive, from 8-5, M-F, any local Home Depot store, or to the County hazardous waste collection, during specified dates and times. Please double bag in sealable plastic bags.

Blue City Trash Bags

Blue bags are available at many local grocery and convenience stores. The cost is \$8.75 for a package of five 30 gallon bags (prices subject to change).



Community Activities & Events

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COMPOST BIN & RAIN BARREL SALE

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010
Location: Dunham's Sporting Goods parking lot
3301 E. Michigan, Lansing
Time: 9:00 am-3:00 pm



The Earth Machine Compost bin

Composting provides an excellent soil amendment for healthy gardens, lawns and house plants. Composting also improves soil health, porosity, fertility and water holding capacity.

- \$40.00/each (home composting instruction booklet included with purchase)
- 80 gallon capacity
- Easy snap together assembly
- Convenient harvest door
- Twist locking lid
- Made of recycled materials
- Fits any vehicle



The System Rain Barrel

Save water, save money! Did you know that one inch of rain falling on a 1,000 sq. ft. roof harvests as much as 600 gallons of rainwater? Rain barrel use reduces rainwater run-off that carries sediment, grease, pesticides and fertilizers into local waterways. A rain barrel allows you to capture water for use in the lawn and garden.

- \$50.00/each
- 55 gallon capacity
- Mosquito screen locked into lid
- Spigot for easy retrieval of water
- Overflow hose



EARTH DAY

Join us in celebrating Earth Day's 40th Anniversary!

Date: Thursday, April 22, 2010

Location: Lansing City Hall Lobby,
124 W. Michigan Ave.

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Cost: Free!

Music, activities, refreshments, giveaways and more!

MASTER COMPOSTER CLASS

Date: April 27 - May 25 (five Tuesdays)

Location: Fenner Nature Center, 2020 Mt. Hope, Lansing

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Cost: \$20.00

To Register: Call Ingham County MSU Extension at 676-7207. Class size is limited to the first 50 people who register.

The Master Composter Training is an excellent way to improve your composting knowledge. The program will cover the decomposition process, composting containers and methods, a nutrient analysis of compost, troubleshooting tips and more.



Special Recycling Collections

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SPECIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION FOR COMPUTERS & ELECTRONICS

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010
Time: 8am-noon
Location: City of Lansing, Recycling Transfer Station, 530 E. South St. (*Directions from S. Washington Ave: Turn East on South St., just North of the RR tracks. The Transfer Station is at the corner of South and Beech Streets*)

Residents are responsible for removing data from hard drives and other media storage devices.



Materials accepted and fees charged:

Telephones, Cell phones, Laptops and small items such as coffee makers, vacuum cleaners and toaster	No Charge
Stereo w/speakers	\$4.00
Stereo w/o speakers	\$2.00
VCR's, printers, scanners	\$2.00
PC computer w/ keyboard & mouse	\$5.00
Monitors <19"	\$5.00
Non-console TV's	\$8.00
Console TV's	\$15.00
Large screen Projection TV's	\$20.00
Microwave Ovens	\$8.00
Large copy machines.....	\$40.00
Personal copy machines	\$5.00

DISPOSE OF HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS RESPONSIBLY



Toxic substances such as lead, mercury and cadmium can be found in many computers and electronic devices. When placed in landfills, these items could cause soil or water contamination. While it is not illegal to throw away these types of products, WRS strongly encourages citizens to either donate usable equipment or seek out one of the many recycling opportunities that are now available.

In addition to local collection events, more and more manufacturers and retailers offer some kind of "take back" program for obsolete computers and electronics. Apple, Dell and Hewlett-Packard are among the manufactures with such programs. Staples and Best Buy are retailers who offer recycling options. For a comprehensive list of providers and links to their website for more information, check out Earth 911 at: <http://earth911.com/electronics/proper-disposal-and-recycling-of-e-waste/>

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010
Location: Friedland Industries, 405 E. Maple St., between Grand River Ave. and Oakland St. west of Cedar St. in Lansing's Old Town Neighborhood
Time: 8:00 am - noon

Destroy sensitive documents at this free, regional, residential use only recycling event. Recycle your obsolete bank statements, canceled checks, insurance documents, monthly credit card and mortgage statements and student school work. In fact, recycle any residential paper or junk mail that you want. This is the perfect opportunity to clean out your files while protecting your identity and positively impacting the environment. The paper will be shredded and recycled into other products. This is a free event and the document destruction is guaranteed. **Contact the Old Town Commercial Association office at 485-4283 for additional information.**

Reduce, Re

LANSING SCHOOLS DO THEIR PART

There are approximately forty Lansing schools participating in the curbside recycling program. Students (and their dedicated teachers) are often the driving force behind the success of these school recycling initiatives. The children often carry this habit over to their homes, where they encourage their families to participate. This reinforces their personal responsibility to properly dispose of materials and helps to encourage a healthy environmental ethic.

Free presentations are continually offered to the schools to help teach the values of recycling, composting and waste reduction. Each year thousands of school children are taught about the 3 R's (Reducing, Reusing and Recycling). Please contact Lori Miller at 483-4599 or lmiller@lansingmi.gov for more information.

WOODCREEK SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL GREEN WEEK, JANUARY, 2010



MORE RECYCLING OPPORTUNITIES:

Brita water filters/#5 plastics

Recycle #5 plastics, such as yogurt containers, as well as Brita water filters - drop them off at select locations or mail them to:

Preserve Gimme 5
823 NYS Rte 13
Cortland, NY 13045



Make sure to include your name and email address on the shipping label or inside the box.

See list of closest drop off sites and get more information at:
<http://www.preserveproducts.com/recycling/index.html>

Crayon recycling

Visit the following website to see how you can collect and ship old crayons away to be made into new recycled crayons: http://crazycrayons.com/recycle_program.html



Drink pouches, food wrappers and more

Select items that are traditionally not recyclable can be collected through Terracycle's brigade collection system.



Materials such as potato chip bags, cookie wrappers and drink pouches can be mailed to the company where they will be made into new products. Check their website for more information: <http://www.terracycle.net/>



use, Recycle!

Mercury thermometers, thermostats, blood pressure cuffs and other items

The Ingham County Health Department accepts mercury thermometers and other items containing mercury (no dental amalgam). Items must be double bagged (place in a ziplock bag, then place that in another ziplock bag). Bring bagged items to: The Ingham County Health Department, Bureau of Environmental Health, 5303 S. Cedar St. Call 517/887-4521 to schedule an appointment or for more information.



Individual Waste Reduction Model (iWARM)

There is an interesting new tool that citizens can use to help understand the energy saved by recycling common household products, rather than throwing them away.

iWARM is a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet that you can download free from the Environmental Protection Agency. The energy savings are translated into the equivalent amount of electricity, estimating how long that amount of electricity will operate a variety of household appliances. iWARM estimates the energy benefits of recycling rather than landfilling products such as aluminum cans, glass bottles, milk jugs, magazines. iWARM translates the energy benefits into hours of operation of air conditioners, washer/dryer, dishwasher and other common household appliances and electronics.



For example, recycling an aluminum beverage can rather than landfilling it saves enough energy to operate a 60W incandescent lightbulb for 4.3 hours, or to operate the equivalent compact fluorescent bulb for 20 hours. For more information and to download the iWARM, go to the Environmental Protection Agency's website at: <http://www.epa.gov/waste/conserve/tools/iwarm/index.htm>



Sharps Disposal

Residents who use syringes, needles and lancets to administer medications at home and produce "sharps" medical waste must properly dispose of them to prevent worker injury. Sharps must be placed in any rigid container, such as coffee cans or plastic detergent bottles. Please don't use any type of soft-sided container that they could poke through. Tape lids securely, then place with regular household trash. Your cooperation is appreciated.



REFRIGERATOR/FREEZER RECYCLING



The BWL will pay a residential electric customer \$30 for an older, operating refrigerator or freezer (in your garage or basement for example), and will have it hauled away - free! The purpose of this program is to get old, energy-wasting appliances out of homes. An inefficient refrigerator can cost up to \$150 to operate annually because it uses up to three times more electricity than an energy-efficient model. More than 90 percent of each old refrigerator and freezer is recycled for other uses in an environmentally proper way, so they don't end up in a landfill. For more information visit www.lbw.com or call 1877-NRG-LBWL (674-5295)



**Do your part, take the Go Green!
Pledge at GoGreenGoLansing.com**

Street and Sewer Sheet: The Public Service Department - Working for You!

Street Maintenance Funding:

Street Funding-Where does it come from? City streets are maintained and improved with funds received from the State of Michigan's Act 51 gas tax. The Act 51 gas tax revenue pays for: paving, potholing, crack sealing, engineering, sweeping, plowing, right of way mowing, signs, road salt, asphalt, trucks, traffic signals and many other essential activities necessary to keep traffic moving.

How much is the gas tax-how does it work? The State of Michigan taxes gas at a flat rate of \$0.19 per gallon and diesel at \$0.15 per gallon. The gas tax of \$0.19 per gallon has not been adjusted since 1997. When gas prices go up, we receive the same amount of revenue per gallon. Less gas is purchased when the prices go up so we receive less funding for roads. In fact, revenue has steadily decreased while operating costs have skyrocketed. For instance, rock salt was just over \$26 a ton in 2006 and this year we are paying nearly \$50 a ton-this adds up when you use over 10,000 tons of salt a year!

What about my property taxes-do they pay for the streets? The general fund provides limited funds to support street and alley repairs, with the vast majority of funds for street repairs and maintenance coming from Act 51 gas tax revenues.

What has the city done in response to lower Act 51 Revenue? We have cut costs, implemented efficiencies, reduced large projects and eliminated positions. We are doing our best to maintain current levels of service, but under the current funding system, the task is growing harder every year.

Help Us Fight Graffiti!
Call 483-4161 for graffiti removal!



Spring is coming and so is the rain and potholes...



Potholes: Potholes are a fact of life every Spring. If you see a pothole or other road hazard, please let us know, by calling **483-4161**, and we will send a crew out to fill it or remove the hazard.

Basement flooding: If you experience a basement back-up or flooding-immediately call the **483-4161** and we will send a city Sewer Inspector to help diagnose the cause.

Street Sweeping Facts- keeping the city streets clean:

Who- The Public Service Department

When – Spring, Summer and Fall during the late hours of night, when traffic is at its lowest levels.

How Often- Local streets are swept 4 times and major streets 8 times.

Why- First, to keep our city streets clean. Second, sweeping prevents debris and contaminants from entering the storm water system, protecting our local rivers and watershed.

What can you do to help - Do not park overnight on streets so that the sweepers can reach the curb line. Keep obstructions out of the road, i.e. basketball hoops. Do not push leaves and yard clippings into the street. Please do not litter!

Please help us keep Lansing clean & green

Keep the right of way clear of trash, debris and other items. It is against City ordinance to leave materials on the curb for over a 24 hour period. Please also remember to store your trash cart and recycling bin in a "neighborly location." City ordinance prohibits containers from being left in the right of way (area between curb and sidewalk), for more than 24 hours after trash collection day. Carts and other items left on the curb can be unsightly and cause potential safety hazards.



Waste and Recycling in America

According to a new report from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in 2008, Americans generated about 250 million tons of trash and recycled and composted 83 million tons, equaling a 33.2% recycling rate.



The Difference Recycling Makes:

The 83 million tons of waste that was recycled and composted resulted in an annual benefit of 182 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent emissions reduced – comparable to the annual GHG emissions from more than 33 million passenger vehicles. It also saved 1.3 quadrillion BTU's of energy, the equivalent of more than 10.2 billion gallons of gasoline.

Recycling Works!

Every ton of mixed paper recycled can save the energy equivalent of 185 gallons of gasoline.

Source: U.S. EPA, 2008 Municipal Solid Waste Characterization Report

New Website Identifies Local Environmental Information

A new EPA tool called "my environment" allows users to enter a city, county or state and get all types of local information including: air quality, pollutants, drinking water sources, hazardous waste programs, etc. Check it out at: www.epa.gov/myenvironment/



Greater Lansing Recycled Art Exhibit

Mayor Bernero's Go Green! Initiative, with the support of the Arts Council of Greater Lansing, the City of Lansing Waste Reduction Services, and Linking Lansing & U is hosting the annual Greater Lansing Recycled Art Exhibit to be held **March 25th-April 15th, 2010 at Lansing City Hall, located at 124 W. Michigan Avenue in downtown Lansing.**

The Recycled Art Exhibit is meant to celebrate Earth Day and raise awareness about environmental issues by challenging artists to create pieces that use sustainable "green" techniques, or are constructed primarily from reused, reclaimed, or recycled materials.



An entry from the 2009 Recycled Art Show



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To Our Friends At:

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IT'S IN OUR HANDS

When you fill out the census form, you're making a statement about what resources Lansing needs going forward.

Accurate data reflecting changes in our community are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S.

House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools.

That's more than \$4 trillion over a 10-year period for things like new roads and schools, and services like job training centers.



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MORE information inside.

CITY COLLECTION DAYS

